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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - AGENDA ITEMS 2, 3,  
4, 5 AND 6(A)

SUMMARY. SECOND PLENARY MEETING OF WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

19 AUGUST: 1) APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WPC FROM THE  
PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS CONTAINED IN E/CONF/60/L.WV  
2) COMPLETED FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS. AGENDA ITEM2, ADOPTION  
OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AS AMENDED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER  
OF VICE-PRESIDENTS TO 31 AND CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A  
BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE. AGENDA ITEM 3, ADOPTION  
OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK. AGENDA  
ITEM 4, ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER  
SESSIONAL BODIES. AGENDA ITEM 5, ELECTION OF OFFICERS OTHER  
THAN THE PRESIDENT. COMMITTEE I - DEVELOPMENT, COLUMBIA.  
COMMITTEE II - ENVIRONMENT, UNITED KINGDOM. COMMITTEE III -  
FAMILY, PHILIPPINES. CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE PLAN  
OF ACTION, ALGERIA, (AGENDA ITEM ITEM 6(A), APPOINTMENT  
OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (SAME AS FOR FIFTH REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.) LASTLY, CONFERENCE HEARD  
MESSAGE FROM INDONESIAN PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WPC FROM THE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS OF 15-19 AUGUST. PLENARY HEARD AND APPROVED REPORT READ BY CHAIRMAN OF PRE-CONFERENCE, MERCEDES CONCEPCION OF THE PHILIPPINES WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION. REPORT CONSISTED OF MODIFICATIONS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE: NAMELY, IN RULE 6 NUMBER OF VP'S INCREASED FROM 30 TO 31 TWO ADDITIONAL NEW RULES ON THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE PLUS THE PRE-CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO THE COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND TIME-TABLE, DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT, APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND SUGGESTIONS THAT DELEGATIONS BE AS BRIEF AND CONCISE AS POSSIBLE.

2. HLLY SEE TOOK FLOOR TO HAVE THE CHAIR CLARIFY THAT IF RESOLUTIONS WULD BE PROPERLY VOICED AND DULY RECORDED IN THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS. CHAIR'S RESPONSE WAS THAT RESERVATIONS WOULD BE DULY REFLECTED IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS: HOWEVER, CHAIR DID NOT ANSWER ON WHETHER RESERVATIONS COULD OR SHOULD ALSO BE VOICED PUBLICLY IN PLENARY. HOLY SEE DID NOT PRESS POINT AND AGENDA ITEM WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK. E/CONF/60/PV

CFF 16 AUGUST PREPARED BY THE PRE-CONFERENCE GROUP. TIME TABLE FOR THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK PROPOSED IN 60/L.1 WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT DEBATE.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER SESSIONAL BODIES. PLENARY TOOK RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS CONTAINED IN CONF/60/L.2 ON THIS ITEM AND APPROVED IT WITHOUT DEBATE.

4. AGENDA ITEM 5, ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE PRESIDENT. THIS ITEM PROVED MOST TROUBLESOME AND TIME-CONSUMING BECAUSE WESTERN ASIA SUB-GROUP PROTESTED THAT IT HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ANY VICE-PRESIDENCIES WITHIN THE SEVEN ALLOTTED TO ASIA BECAUSE NONE OF THE 12 COUNTRIES IN THE WEST ASIAN GROUP HAD BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND THE THREE-DAY PRE-CONFERENCE

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CONSULTATION FOR FORCE MAJEURE REASONS, I.E., THE CYPRUS CRISIS WHICH HAS CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF ALL FLIGHTS FROM WESTERN ASIA TO ROMANIA FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS. WEST ASIA ASKED FOR TWO VICE-PRESIDENCIES. CHAIR CALLED FOR AN ADJOURNMENT. AFTER A HALF HOUR ASIAN GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT CONFERENCE UNANIMOUSLY AUTHORIZE TWO ADDITIONAL VP'S FOR ASIA. HOWEVER, FRANCE CALLED FOR A VOTE. ASIA THEN REVERTED TO ITS FALLBACK POSITION CALLED FOR WEST ASIA TO GET ONE VP--IRAQ--AND BURMA

TO STEP DOWN.COMPOSITION

OF VP'S BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AS FOLLOWS: AFRICA - 8: EGYPT, GABON, GUINEA, KENYA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA. LATIN AMERICA - 6: ARGENTINA, CUBA, ECUADOR, MEXICO, URUGAUAY, JAMAICA. ASIA - 7: IRAQ, INDONESIA, IRAN, JAPAN, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, PAKISTAN. WEO - 7: FRG, AUSTRALIA, USA, FRANCE, GREECE, SWEDEN, TURKEY. EE'S - 3: CZECHOSLOVAKIA, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA.

5. OTHER IMPORTANT ELECTED OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS: RAPPORTEUR OF THE CONFERENCE, T.B. DESAI OF INDIA. FIRST COMMITTEE- POPULATION CHANGE AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - CARLOS SANCHEZ DE SANTAMARIA OF COLUMBIA. COMMITTEE II, POPULATION RESOURCES AND THE ENVIORNMENT--DAVID OWENS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. COMMITTEE III, POPULATION AND FAMILY--ESTEFANIE ALDABA LIM OF THE PHILIPPINES. CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION---MR. OUBOUGAR ALI OF ALGERIA. A NUMBER OF WEO'S (INCLUDING THE U.S., AFRICAN AND ASIANS COUNTRIES) HAD OPPOSED THE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE TO BECOME THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP DURING THE PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS AND RIGHT UP TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION, HOWEVER, THE AFRICANS LED BY GHANA, AND THE ASIANS GOT COLD FEET AT THE LAST MOMENT AND REFUSED TO INITIATE A FLOOR FIGHT OVER THE SOMEWHAT HIGH HANDED MANNER IN WHICH THE ALGERIANS HAD PUSHED THEIR OWN CANDIDACY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALGERIA HAD NOT BEEN A MEMBER OF THE POPULATION COMMISSION WHICH STUDIED THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION AT ITS LAST THREE MEETINGS NOR HAD IT EVEN BOTHERED TO ATTEND THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE WPPA HELD IN ADDIS ABABA THIS SPRING.

6. APOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PLENARY ADOPTED THE SAME CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AS THAT OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,NAMELY: CHINA, GREECE, JAPAN, UNCLASSIFIED

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NICARAGUA, SENEGAL, USSR, TANZANIA, USA, URUGUAY.

7. A MESSAGE FROM INDONESIAN PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO THE CONFERENCE WAS READ BY THE INDONESIAN DELEGATE.THE MESSAGE WAS QUITE A GOOD ONE FROM THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW IN THAT IT UNDERLINED THAT THE RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH IN NUMEROUS CONTRIES WAS TOO HIGH GIVEN THE PRESENT AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THESE COUNTRIES AND INDICATED THAT POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMS SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN SUCH COUNTRIES. IT TOLD HOW INDONESIA WAS TRYING TO CHECK ITS HIGH RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH, MINIMIZE HIGH POPULATION DESITIES IN SOME AREAS VIA A TRNS-MIGRATION PROGRAM WITHIN INDONESIA. COPIES OF THE SUHARTO MESSAGE WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. BARNES

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